



7th Grade Summer Reading

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH Robert C. O'Brien

Every student will read this novel. Please complete the "AS YOU READ" activities and answer the attached questions on a separate piece of paper or type the answers into a Word document to be printed. Unless specifically asked to create a list, each answer should be in complete sentences, using details from the story to support your response.

While you may wish to access Bible study tools in order to answer some of the questions below, you may NOT copy and paste information from online sources or quote references without giving a citation. Doing so is plagiarism and will result in a zero for the assignment.

This is due for a grade on **Monday, August 11th, 2025.**

AS YOU READ:

Make a list of 6 words that you are unfamiliar with.

Define each word and quote how it is used in the book. Give a page number.

List three questions that come to mind about the story or the world as you read.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Who is Mrs. Frisby, and what is her primary challenge in the story?
2. List the names of the main characters in "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH" and provide a detailed description of each. Include physical descriptions and personality traits. "
3. Identify the setting of the story. Where does Mrs. Frisby live?
4. Define the term "NIMH" as it relates to the story.

5. Compare the personalities of Mrs. Frisby and the character of Nicodemus. How do they differ?
6. Summarize at least 3 main events that lead to Mrs. Frisby's decision to seek help from the rats.
7. Explain the importance of friendship in the story. Connect your answer to Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."
8. How do the relationships between characters influence their decisions? Is there a time in your life when your relationship with someone influenced a decision you made?
9. Assess Mrs. Frisby's actions when she goes to the rats for help. What does this reveal about her character and values?
10. Investigate the moral implications of the rats' escape from NIMH. What lessons can be drawn about freedom and responsibility? Consider Galatians 5:13 as you answer. "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."